# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:249
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2008
PARTHENIUM WEED
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the growth of Parthenium Weed that grows with red wheat is harmful for the crop and causes heavy losses to farmers in the wheat producing areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to check the growth of such weeds?

## Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 249 DUE FOR REPLY ON 17TH MARCH, 2008.

(a) & (b): Parthenium weed, which grows in different types of soils and habitat, causes crops losses also in wheat producing areas, depending upon intensity of the weed and agro- climatic conditions.

(c): The Government has prepared strategies to control and check this weed through extensive research in the National Research Centre for Weed Science, Jabalpur and different State Agricultural Universities, which, inter alia, are application of physical, biological and chemical control measures; educating the farmers on its ill effects and its management such as through application of herbicides, bio-agents etc. and providing basic and strategic weed management technologies, through National Research Centre for Weed Science, Jabalpur.